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SBJ: PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS (GHORI DETAILS)

REF: ISLAMABAD 3647

1. PROPAGANDA. EMBASSY AGREES WITH ISLAMABAD THAT PERIODS OF DIMINUTION OF AD HOMINEM ATTACKS BY ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER ARE WORTH NOTING, BUT REVIEW OF PAK AND AFGHAN PUSHTUN BROADCASTS JUST RECEIVED COVERING PERIOD 15-19 APRIL SEEMS TO INDICATE BOTH SIDES MAY BE RUNNING AT USUAL LEVELS OF VIRULENCE. NOTE THAT PAK RADIO ANTICIPATES AN ATTACK BY AFGHANS AGAINST KABUL REGIME WHICH WILL "CUT DESPOTISM FROM ITS ROOT" AND THAT FROM KABUL AJMAL KHATTAK URGES A "JEHAD" AND BELIEVES THAT BHUTTO WILL "RUN AWAY FROM PUSHTUNISTAN AS LON NOL ESCAPED FROM CAMBODIA."

2. WE WERE INTERESTED IN FACT THAT GHORI REFERRED TO "PERCY INITIATIVES", RATHER THAN TO SINGULAR EVENT. WAHEED ABDULLAH MADE PASSING REFERENCE IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR TO "A LETTER WE'VE HAD FROM SENATOR PERCY." HE DID NOT ELABORATE, BUT ISLAMABAD'S COMMENT LEADS US TO INQUIRE
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WHETHER THE SENATOR MIGHT RECENTLY HAVE WRITTEN TO LEADERS

IN BOTH COUNTRIES. ADVISE.

3. NOMADS. EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO ISLAMABAD FOR ITS ASSESSMENT OF EXTENT TO WHICH GHORI REFLECTS VIEWS OF GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN WITH REGARD TO INTENTIONS TOWARDS NOMADS WHO MIGRATE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. IF GOP INDEED INTENDS NOT TO ALLOW NOMADS WHO MIGRATE TO AFGHANISTAN THIS SPRING TO RETURN IN AUTUMN THEN THIS APPEARS TO US A MAJOR "DISCOURAGEMENT" AGAINST MIGRATION TO AFGHANISTAN EVEN THOUGH GHORI DENIES USING PRECISELY THIS TERM.

4. IF PAKS ARE ADAMANT IN THIS ACTION AGAINST NOMADS THEN SURELY THERE WILL BE MAJOR DUSTUP, INVOLVING NOT JUST PAKISTANI AND AFGHAN GOVERNMENTS BUT TRIBES THEMSELVES. AFGHANS TOO HAVE SHOWN SENSITIVITY TO POSSIBILITY THAT "TERRORISTS" MIGHT BE INFILTRATED ALONG WITH USUAL MIGRANTS (KABUL 2296 PARA 6) AND GOA MEASURES HAVE APPARENTLY AROUSED TRIBAL FEELINGS. GHORI'S CHARACTERIZATION OF NOMAD SITUATION IN TERMS JUST OF PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE SEEMS TO US A DANGEROUS STATE OF MIND.
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